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Letter dated 26 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement issued on 14 April 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway in connection with the decision of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 71 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Martin HUSLID
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement issued on 14 April 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway in connection with the joint statement of the depositary Governments of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons concerning the withdrawal of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from the said Treaty

Norway is deeply concerned by the non-acceptance by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea of its obligations under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and its decision to withdraw from the Treaty. It would be in the interest of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to remain a Party to the NPT and to adhere fully to its obligations. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea must also permit the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to inspect its nuclear facilities.

Norway fully endorses the declaration made by the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which are the depositaries of the Treaty, calling upon the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to reverse its decision to withdraw from the NPT (S/25515, annex). The decision of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea constitutes a serious threat to regional and international stability.

Norway has, on several occasions, both bilaterally and at the United Nations, urged the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to reverse its decision and to adhere fully to its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty.